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#### **IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A plunger for a syringe used for supporting and moving a gasket inserted in a syringe barrel, comprising:

- a screw portion formed at a tip thereof for mounting the gasket;
- a flange provided at an end of the plunger;
- a first ring member and a second ring member arranged at an interval from each other at a rear of said screw portion around a center axis of the plunger, the first ring member and the second ring member being disposed apart from each other by 0.5 mm or more;
- a rib provided between the first ring member and the flange; and
- a plurality of vane members provided between the first and second ring members and arranged radially from the center axis of the plunger,

wherein outer diameters of said first and second ring members and said plurality of vane members are equal to or slightly smaller than an inner diameter of the syringe barrel such that, when the plunger is inserted in the syringe barrel in a state immediately before the screw portion is mounted to the gasket, respective ones of outer surfaces of the first ring member, the second ring member and the plurality of vane members abut on an inner surface of the syringe barrel and

the interval between the first ring member and the second ring member is less than a distance between a rear surface of the gasket inserted into the syringe barrel and a rear end of the syringe barrel.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A plunger for a syringe according to claim 1,

wherein the plunger is used for a prefilled syringe in which a contrast medium is filled in advance.

3. (ORIGINAL) A plunger for a syringe according to claim 1, wherein eight pieces of said vane members are arranged at regular intervals and at central angles of 45°.

4. (ORIGINAL) A plunger for a syringe according to claim 1, further comprising:

a flange portion formed at a rear end of the plunger; and  
one or two or more gripping ring members arranged near a front of the  
flange portion around the center axis of the plunger,  
wherein outer diameters of said gripping ring members are equal to the  
inner diameter of the syringe barrel or slightly smaller than the inner diameter.

5. (CANCELED).